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### WILDLIFE RESTORATION ACT TURNS 50; STATES TO RECEIVE OVER \$180 MILLION IN FEDERAL SPORT FISH AND WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS

Federal sport fish and wildlife restoration programs, which began 50 years ago with the signing of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, will make over \$180 million available to states, commonwealths, and territories through the preliminary apportionment for fiscal year 1988, Secretary of the Interior Don Hodel announced today.

The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly called the Pittman-Robertson Act after its sponsors Senator Key Pittman (Nevada) and Congressman A. Willis Robertson (Virginia), was signed into law September 2, 1937. Since then, more than \$1.5 billion has been distributed to states to help finance wildlife restoration and hunter education programs.

An additional \$700 million has been distributed for fishery programs through the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act since it was signed in 1950. The wildlife and fishery restoration programs are financed by hunters and anglers through excise taxes on sporting equipment such as firearms, ammunition, and fishing tackle and are administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

According to Secretary Hodel, "Pittman-Robertson funding is the mainstay behind modern wildlife management programs. During the last 50 years, it has made possible the restoration of many of this country's most popular wildlife species, including the white-tailed deer and wild turkey. In addition, other species, such as the wood duck and pronghorn antelope, that were nearing extinction a half-century ago, have been brought back to relative abundance by this program."

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The preliminary apportionment for wildlife restoration and hunter education programs for fiscal year 1988 is \$71,900,000. This money comes from an 11-percent excise tax on sporting arms and ammunition, a 10-percent tax on pistols and revolvers, and an 11-percent tax on certain archery equipment. One-half of the taxes on handguns and archery equipment is earmarked for state hunter education programs.

The preliminary apportionment for sport fish restoration for fiscal year 1988 totals \$108,700,000. This money comes from a 10-percent excise tax on fishing equipment and a 3-percent tax on electric trolling motors and sonar fish finders. The "Wallop-Breaux" expansion legislation of 1984 increased the tax base for sport fish restoration to include a portion of the Federal motorboat fuels tax and import duties on fishing tackle and pleasure boats.

Distribution of sport fish restoration funds to the states is based on the land and water area and the number of fishing license holders in each state. Wildlife restoration funds are made available based on land area and the number of hunting license holders in each state. Distribution of hunter education funds is based on the relative population of each state.

The attached tables show the allocation of the preliminary apportionments for fiscal year 1988. The final apportionment will be announced in the spring of 1988.

FEDERAL AID IN WILDLIFE RESTORATION FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

	WILDLIFE RESTORATION	HUNTER EDUCATION	TOTAL
ALABAMA	1,014,823	256,914	1,271,737
ALASKA	3,055,000	108,000	3,163,000
ARIZONA	1,460,651	179,498	1,640,149
ARKANSAS	1,065,818	150,943	1,216,761
CALIFORNIA	2,427,285	324,000	2,751,285
COLORADO	1,562,848	190,791	1,753,639
CONNECTICUT	305,500	205,233	510,733
DELAWARE	305,500	108,000	413,500
FLORIDA	1,022,917	324,000	1,346,917
GEORGIA	1,299,805	324,000	1,623,805
HAWAII	305,500	108,000	413,500
IDAHO	1,243,267	108,000	1,351,267
ILLINOIS	1,123,202	324,000	1,447,202
INDIANA	869,754	324,000	1,193,754
IOWA	975,906	192,412	1,168,318
KANSAS	1,165,181	156,076	1,321,257
KENTUCKY	957,452	241,815	1,199,267
LOUISIANA	1,140,970	277,647	1,418,617
MAINE	701,095	108,000	809,095
MARYLAND	424,712	278,469	703,181
MASSACHUSETTS	305,500	324,000	629,500
MICHIGAN	2,271,876	324,000	2,595,876
MINNESOTA	1,733,319	269,268	2,002,587
MISSISSIPPI	997,580	166,547	1,164,127
MISSOURI	1,607,440	324,000	1,931,440
MONTANA	1,875,669	108,000	1,983,669
NEBRASKA	1,026,254	108,000	1,134,254
NEVADA	1,171,604	108,000	1,279,604
NEW HAMPSHIRE	305,500	108,000	413,500
NEW JERSEY	318,511	324,000	642,511
NEW MEXICO	1,449,154	108,000	1,557,154
NEW YORK	1,929,879	324,000	2,253,879
NORTH CAROLINA	1,115,109	324,000	1,439,109
NORTH DAKOTA	859,741	108,000	967,741
OHIO	1,258,779	324,000	1,582,779
OKLAHOMA	1,102,040	199,798	1,301,838
OREGON	1,590,046	173,869	1,763,915
PENNSYLVANIA	2,592,834	324,000	2,916,834
RHODE ISLAND	305,500	108,000	413,500
SOUTH CAROLINA	671,981	206,003	877,984
SOUTH DAKOTA	1,051,119	108,000	1,159,119
TENNESSEE	1,484,374	303,189	1,787,563
TEXAS	3,055,000	324,000	3,379,000
UTAH	1,218,397	108,000	1,326,397
VERMONT	309,836	108,000	417,836
VIRGINIA	1,240,791	324,000	1,564,791
WASHINGTON	1,155,481	272,772	1,428,253
WEST VIRGINIA	808,679	108,000	916,679
WISCONSIN	1,897,420	310,756	2,208,176
WYOMING	1,250,569	108,000	1,358,569
PUERTO RICO	305,500	0	305,500
GUAM	101,833	18,000	119,833
VIRGIN ISLANDS	101,833	18,000	119,833
AMERICAN SAMOA	101,833	18,000	119,833
MARIANA ISLANDS	101,833	18,000	119,833
TOTAL	\$61,100,000	\$10,800,000	\$71,900,000

PRELIMINARY APPORTIONMENT OF  
FEDERAL AID IN SPORT FISH RESTORATION FUNDS  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 1988

	<u>BASE FUNDS</u>	<u>EXPANDED FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ALABAMA	903,329	925,197	1,828,526
ALASKA	2,685,000	2,750,000	5,435,000
ARIZONA	1,170,450	1,198,785	2,369,235
ARKANSAS	949,402	972,385	1,921,787
CALIFORNIA	2,685,000	2,750,000	5,435,000
COLORADO	1,342,585	1,375,087	2,717,672
CONNECTICUT	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
DELAWARE	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
FLORIDA	1,206,174	1,235,374	2,441,548
GEORGIA	1,085,680	1,111,963	2,197,643
HAWAII	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
IDAHO	908,053	930,036	1,838,089
ILLINOIS	1,133,078	1,160,508	2,293,586
INDIANA	845,254	865,716	1,710,970
IOWA	785,058	804,063	1,589,121
KANSAS	795,224	814,475	1,609,699
KENTUCKY	886,994	908,467	1,795,461
LOUISIANA	861,045	881,890	1,742,935
MAINE	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
MARYLAND	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
MASSACHUSETTS	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
MICHIGAN	2,012,768	2,061,495	4,074,263
MINNESOTA	1,941,509	1,988,510	3,930,019
MISSISSIPPI	744,997	763,032	1,508,029
MISSOURI	1,388,777	1,422,398	2,811,175
MONTANA	1,214,569	1,243,972	2,458,541
NEBRASKA	710,202	727,395	1,437,597
NEVADA	826,614	846,626	1,673,240
NEW HAMPSHIRE	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
NEW JERSEY	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
NEW MEXICO	968,745	992,197	1,960,942
NEW YORK	1,359,377	1,392,286	2,751,663
NORTH CAROLINA	780,428	799,321	1,579,749
NORTH DAKOTA	583,150	597,267	1,180,417
OHIO	1,422,883	1,457,329	2,880,212
OKLAHOMA	1,004,231	1,028,542	2,032,773
OREGON	1,285,474	1,316,593	2,602,067
PENNSYLVANIA	1,347,094	1,379,706	2,726,800
RHODE ISLAND	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
SOUTH CAROLINA	607,671	622,382	1,230,053
SOUTH DAKOTA	652,993	668,801	1,321,794
TENNESSEE	955,014	978,133	1,933,147
TEXAS	2,685,000	2,750,000	5,435,000
UTAH	899,148	920,915	1,820,063
VERMONT	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
VIRGINIA	841,817	862,196	1,704,013
WASHINGTON	1,216,383	1,245,830	2,462,213
WEST VIRGINIA	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
WISCONSIN	1,849,172	1,893,938	3,743,110
WYOMING	820,658	840,525	1,661,183
PUERTO RICO	537,000	550,000	1,087,000
GUAM	179,000	183,333	362,333
VIRGIN ISLANDS	179,000	183,333	362,333
AMERICAN SAMOA	179,000	183,333	362,333
MARIANA ISLANDS	179,000	183,333	362,333
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	179,000	183,333	362,333
TOTAL	<u>\$53,700,000</u>	<u>\$55,000,000</u>	<u>\$108,700,000</u>